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Implementation of Agricultural Produce Market Committee Act
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress made by the Government in implementation of Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) Act in various States of the country along with the benefits accrued from the APMC Act;

(b) whether the Committee on Agriculture of Ministers of States have given any recommendation to implement the Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) Act effectively in the States to promote marketing reforms and if so, the details of the recommendations made by the said Committee;

(c) whether the Government is considering to bring some amendments in the APMC Act and strengthen the State Agricultural Marketing Boards by giving more financial powers to provide strong agricultural marketing infrastructure in the rural areas of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that some State Governments have delisted the fruits and vegetables from the purview of APMC Act and if so, the response of the Government
thereto; and

(e) the various steps taken by the Government to implement the APMC Act effectively in the entire country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): Twenty three States and three Union Territories (Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Goa, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, J&K, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu Telangana, Tripura, Punjab, Jharkhand, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh West Bengal, Delhi (UT), Chandigarh (UT) and Puducherry (UT)) have APMC Acts and are under

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implementation as well. Further, three States (Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Sikkim) have APMC Acts but have not yet been implemented; while three States and four UTs (Bihar, Kerala, Manipur, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu and Lakshadweep) do not have APMC Acts.

Government of India has been reviewing the status of APMC Act with the States and UTs to ensure implementation. Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers' Welfare has also circulated a Model APMC Act in 2003 to all the States and UTs so as to incorporate progressive provisions in the interest of farmers.

APMC Acts have been legislated to establish market yards and market-sub yards with the objective of ensuring reasonable gains to the farmers by creating environment in markets for fair play of supply and demand forces, regulate market practices and attain transparency in transactions. They have largely been able to provide the platform for marketing of agricultural produce and discovery of prices through the process of auction.

(b): Yes, Madam.
Copy of recommendations of Committee of State Agricultural Marketing Ministers on Marketing Reforms is at Annexure-I.

(c): There is no such proposal.

(d): So far, fourteen States/UT (Assam, Chhattisgarh, NCT of Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Rajasthan and West Bengal) have deregulated marketing of fruits and vegetables, though in varied forms. Government is encouraging the States to deregulate marketing of fruits and vegetables outside the market yards.

(e): Government has constituted (i) Expert Committee during 2000 followed by Inter- Ministerial Task Force; (ii) Formulated Model

APMC Act and Rules in 2003 and 2007 respectively; (iii) Constituted Committee of State Agricultural Marketing Ministers in 2010 and Group of Expert in 2016; and (iv) has been working with States by holding interactive sessions/ meetings with them in this respect.